identifying the problem areas and taking remedial action, procuring of spare parts, training of personnel, etc. A centrally sponsored R&M programme for these units is also being implemented at Harduaganj, Panki and Patratu.

(c) No, Sir. However, BHEL has already set up a repair workshop at Varanasi and also opened regional service centres at Patna, Calcutta and Varanasi to serve the generating units set up in the above mentioned States.

Statement

Capacity and P.L.F. of Thermal Stations

Station	BHEL (110 MW units)		PLF% During April, 1987 to October 1987
	No.	Capacity (MW)	110 MW Units (BHEL)
Uttar pradesh:			
Harduagarj-B	1	110	56.6
Panki	2	220	30.5
Paricha	2	220	29.0
Bihar:			
Patratu	4	440	25.0
Barauni	2	220	33.7
Muzaffarpur	2	220	33.4
Orissa:			
Talcher	2	220	19.8
West Bengal:			
DPL	1	110	51.5

Double circuit line from Farakka to Bihar

2238. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new double circuit of 220 KV line from Farakka to Lalmatia (Bihar) has been sanctioned; if so, what is its schedule of construction and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(b) what are the other alternative routes through which power is being transmitted from Farakka to Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A 220 KV Single Circuit transmission line on Double Circuit towers between Farakka and Lalmatia has been sanctioned. This line is scheduled for completion during the year 1989-90.

(b) Power is being transmitted from Farakka to Bihar through the contiguous

Power Systems of West Bengal and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), by displacement.

Increasing demand for petroleum and natural gas

2239. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for petroleum and natural gas has gone up from 5.5 per cent in 1985-86 to 6.2 per cent in 1986-87;

(b) if so, whether their indigenous production has grown proportionately; and

(c) if not, what specific steps have been taken by Government to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The growth rates in consumption of petroleum products and indigenous production of crude oil and natural gas for these two years are given below:

	1985-86	1986-87
Consumption (Petroleum Products)	5.4%	6.2%
Production (Crude Oil) . .	15.9%	1.0%
Consumption (Natural Gas) .	16%	30%
Production (Natural Gas) .	12.3%	25.8%

The demand for petroleum products is being adequately met through refining of indigenous as well as imported crude oil and by imports of identified petroleum products to the extent necessary. Certain surplus petroleum products are also being exported. As regards natural gas, its production is in excess of the demand, which is being adequately met.

Waiting lists for cooking gas

2240. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons at present on the waiting lists for obtaining cooking gas in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and capitals of various States;

(b) what was the arrears in the waiting lists at each of these places on October 1 during each of the last of the three years including the current year; and

(c) what are the special steps which have been taken to clear the arrears and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The figures are furnished below:

(In '000)

	Waiting lists as on		
	Oct. 1, 1985	Oct. 1, 1986	Oct. 1 198
Delhi . .	489.0	462.0	480.8
Bombay .	108.5	50.4	17.4
Madras . .	1.4	..	4.5
Calcutta .	71.5	56.9	92.8
Other State Capitals. .	471.6	396.8	332.8

(c) Oil companies continue to release LPG connections all over the country, including the State capitals under their Annual Marketing Plans, subject to augmentation of availability of bulk product and other necessary infrastructural facilities like bottling plants etc.